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Dear Parents and Carers,

The glorious sunshine has provided the perfect back-drop to a number of exciting activities this week, with House Matches and **Stop the Clock Day** taking centre stage.

On Wednesday Year 7 and 8 were great ambassadors for the school, seeing Corfe Castle and Lyme Regis in all their splendour and putting all their classroom work into context. Year 9 enjoyed the Wonderstruck show, followed by putting their learning into practice with the competitive edge of rocket and fan-powered car workshops. Year 10 had time to reflect on their work experience and future career options alongside an extended presentation that covered the necessary learning skills to support their studies. Year 11 were able to use the day to focus on the final elements of their GCSE coursework and get organised for the forthcoming examinations.

The climbing temperature was also noticeable on Thursday with the friendly rivalry of 6-a-side Football and Basketball **House Matches**. All the teams showed real commitment and had great fun across the day. Lewesdon were overall worthy winners of the 6-a-side Football with honours shared across the girls' Basketball competition. As we head into the summer term Lewesdon are currently leading the House competition by just a few points from Mapperton, so it's all to play for! On a side note, there are a significant number of pairs of shoes – both trainers and school shoes – in lost property, so if your child has lost or mislaid any shoes, please do ask them to check!

This week I have particularly enjoyed spending time with groups of **Year 7 students** from each Tutor Group, over a well-deserved cake at break! It has been a real pleasure to hear all the many things that they have enjoyed about the school, some ideas for how we may be able to help with the forthcoming Year 6–7 transition, and the huge range of activities that they take part in outside of school.

Kitty Rumens, in Year 10, has had a very successful year playing football with the Exeter U16 Girls Development team against other development sides from Plymouth and all the way over to Swindon, Reading and Watford. However, Kitty has the ultimate challenge this Easter of lining up against Arsenal, the top super league team in the country; we wish her well! Congratulations also to our **Year 8 football team** who played against Colfox last night; it was 0-0 at half time but they went on to win 2-1, with goals by George Pattermore and Archie Dean.

Our **SustainAble You** team completed a vigorous litter pick last Friday and were working in the Town Square this Friday undertaking a survey on what people are using Beaminster for. On the morning of Friday 1st April (no joke!) they will be focusing on the two specific themes of Wildlife and Food, ably supported by Dorset Youth and Dorset Volunteer Centre, the X-Polli:Nation team at Imperial College London, and The Beaminster Earth Alliance (BEA) Wildlife team.

We look forward to seeing all **Year 9 students, parents and carers for our GCSE Options Information Evening next Wednesday 30th March at 7pm**. There will be a short introductory talk in the hall followed by plenty of time for the students to speak with staff about the subjects they are interested in studying during Year 10 and 11.

A reminder that we have a staff vacancy for an exciting new role in the school as a **Student Progression Officer** (Grade 8), working with our Sixth Form team and supporting Careers information and guidance. Please do spread the word to anyone who may be interested, full details of all posts are available on the school website: [Beaminster School Staff Vacancies](#)

Please note that **no more LFT tests** will be provided to students by the Government, families are now responsible for sourcing their own supply of test kits. Following a positive test, students should isolate at home for 10 days or until they have had 2 consecutive negative tests (from day 5) whichever is earlier, and please remember to **keep the school fully updated about continued absences** (do speak clearly and slowly, giving the child's FULL name AND tutor group AND the reason for absence).

Our First Aiders are also currently being stretched to capacity so do please check that **students are fit and well enough to come to school** for the day before they leave home.

A list of **apprenticeships vacancies** is attached, but interested students will need to act quickly as closing dates are next week. The list can also be found on the Careers Information page of the school website: [Careers information at Beaminster School](#)

Finally, early notification that a **Whole School Photograph** is being taken on Monday 4th April. These are only taken every few years so is something we are all looking forward to.

I hope that you all get some time to enjoy the Spring weather this weekend and do remember that the clocks go forward on Sunday morning!

Mr Hales

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